

# Simsbury Fire District

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As the media covers the tragic fires in Philadelphia and New York City that claimed the lives of several people including children, The Simsbury Fire District reminds everyone that safety is important and often forgotten within your homes. Below are some Safety Tips and information to review to increase your chances in surviving a fire in your residence. Simsbury we need your help to make sure you and your families are safe from fire!

## SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Change the batteries when they begin to chirp, signaling that they are running low. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, it likely means the alarm is no longer working properly and needs to be replaced with a new alarm.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which may include smoke and carbon monoxide detection in one unit.
- Today's smoke alarms are more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, and are better designed to avoid false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Have a home escape plan.
- Practice your home escape plan.
- Be sure to keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustible materials including furniture, blankets, paper and plastics.

**Safety Tip Sheets for information**, or please contact the Fire Marshal's Office if you have a question or concern.

- [Smoke Alarms](#)
- [Smoke Alarms for the deaf or hard of hearing](#)
- [Escape Planning for your Home](#)
- [Space Heaters](#)